

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of North Carolina

United States of America

v.

Mason Williams

Date of Original Judgment: 4/05/2022

Date of Previous Amended Judgment: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use Date of Last Amended Judgment if Any)

Case No: 3:20-cr-159USM No: 47876-509

W. Kelly Johnson/Joshua Carpenter

Defendant's Attorney

**ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR SENTENCE REDUCTION  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2)**

Upon motion of ☒ the defendant ☐ the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ☐ the court under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) for a reduction in the term of imprisonment imposed based on a guideline sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered and made retroactive by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 994(u), and having considered such motion, and taking into account the policy statement set forth at USSG §1B1.10 and the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), to the extent that they are applicable,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the motion is:

☒ DENIED. ☐ GRANTED and the defendant's previously imposed sentence of imprisonment (as reflected in the last judgment issued) of \_\_\_\_\_ months **is reduced to** \_\_\_\_\_.

(See Page 2 for additional parts. Complete Parts I and II of Page 2 when motion is granted)

Except as otherwise provided, all provisions of the judgment dated 4/05/2022 shall remain in effect.**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: December 1, 2023



Kenneth D. Bell  
United States District Judge



Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(if different from order date)

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DEFENDANT: Mason Williams  
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DISTRICT: Western District of North Carolina

**I. COURT DETERMINATION OF GUIDELINE RANGE (*Prior to Any Departures*)**

Previous Total Offense Level: <u>13</u>	Amended Total Offense Level: <u>13</u>
Criminal History Category: <u>V</u>	Criminal History Category: <u>IV</u>
Previous Guideline Range: <u>30</u> to <u>37</u> months	Amended Guideline Range: <u>24</u> to <u>30</u> months

**II. SENTENCE RELATIVE TO THE AMENDED GUIDELINE RANGE**

- ☐ The reduced sentence is within the amended guideline range.
- ☐ The previous term of imprisonment imposed was less than the guideline range applicable to the defendant at the time of sentencing as a result of a substantial assistance departure or Rule 35 reduction, and the reduced sentence is comparably less than the amended guideline range.
- ☐ The reduced sentence is above the amended guideline range.

**III. FACTORS CONSIDERED UNDER USSG § 1B1.10 AND 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) (*See Chavez-Meza v. United States, 138 S.Ct. 1959 (2018)*)**

The low end sentence of 30 months was 3553(a) appropriate with 2 status points but a low end sentence of 24 months is not appropriate with only 1 status point. The serious and recent violent offenses in paragraphs 38 and 39 of the PSR (Doc. No. 29) counsel a high end sentence of 30 months absent the additional status point.